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I just found a article on Microsoft on an leaked email that reviles more on their anti-competitive nature at <http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/4/22770.html>.

"There are many other things that you need to watch out for with Linux and the Linux Compete Team has been busy creating some great collateral to help you win. One thing you have to always keep in mind here -- Linux is the long term threat against our core business. Never forget that! You should be smothering your accounts from every angle and if you see Linux and/or IBM in there with it, then get all over it. Don't lose a single win to Linux"

So it sounds like they are going to start another FUD(Fear, Uncertainty, Doubt <http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Hills/9267/fuddef.html>) campaign, which they have done in the past. These campaigns are used as pro-Microsoft propaganda to crush anyone who competes against them, which often results in Microsoft using this dirty FUD tactic to spread misinformation and lies intent on destroying their competition and making them look good.

It also seems to be that they are going to start bullying and harassing businesses switching from UNIX to Linux and/or Windows to Linux, to switching to their own products. The thing that does not make since is that while UNIX and Linux are the same so a switch can be done easily with little cost, why would any business go through the hassle from UNIX to some other Microsoft product? They are 2 compleatly diffrent operating systems. The business would have to spend a lot of cash to get their computers functioning like they use to if they switched to some Microsoft product, which are not quite as reliable and cost efficient as UNIX/Linux in the first case. I think this is about the amount of money Microsoft can make on the licensees and their outrageous price schemes making lots of money off of these businesses with little effort and support on their part. This is a big reason many business are switching to Linux, the cost is just too much for too little.

Also I do hope that you make sure that Microsoft does not try to worm its way out of these anti-trust restrictions. I am saving up for my next computer with will hopefully be a Dual-Boot system (thanks to the rulings), primarily it will be a Linux server running SAMBA(Thanks to the ruling again) so I can communicate with my old Windows 98 based PC and any future Microsoft OS's if I get another machine. This pc will have a small windows partition for those occasional games I can't run in Linux.

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